Family Courts

2481. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Family Courts Act, 1984 was enacted to provide for the establishment of Family Courts with a view to promote conciliation and secure speedy settlement of disputes relating to marriage, family affairs and connected matters;

(b) if so, the number of Family Courts set up in different States by the end of March, 2006 and proposed to be set up during current year;

(c) the number of cases referred and settled by them during the last three years; and

(d) the normal time taken for their settlement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAFATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 159 Family Courts have been set up in various parts of the country, by the end of March, 2006. Datails, indicating number of Family Courts set up in different states is at Statement I (See below). Family Courts are to be set up by the State Govts. in consultation with their High Courts. Financial assistance on 50:50 basis is provided by the Central Govt. All State Govts./UTs have been requested by the Deptt. of Justice to set up Family Courts in each district.

(c) and (d) Details indicating number of Cases referred to Family Courts and disposed of by them for the last three years is at Statement ll (See below): No information regarding normal time taken for their settlement is maintained in this Department.

Statement-I

State-wise break-up of number of family courts in existence in various parts of the country

SI.No.	Name of the State	Total number of Family Courts
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8
2.	Assam	5
3.	Bihar	4

1	2	3
4.	Chhattisgarh	11
5.	Delhi	15
6.	Gujarat	7 1
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	
8.	Jharkhand	6
9.	Karnataka	12
10.	Kerala	16
11.	Madhya Pradesh	7
12.	Maharashtra	18
13.	Manipur	2
14.	Nagaland	2
15.	Orissa	2
16.	Pondicherry	1
17.	Punjab	2
18.	Rajasthan	6
19.	Sikkim	1
20.	Tamil Nadu	6
21.	Tripura Uttar	3
22.	Pradesh	14
23.	Uttaranchal	7
24.	West Bengal	3
	TOTAL	159

Statement

State-wise details of the number of cases instituted/disposed by Family Courts

Name of the State	Instituted			Disposal		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Andhra Pradesh	4443	5119	2463(30.6)	4736	4160	5307
Assam	838	680(30.9)	529(30.6)	733	700(30.9)	346(30.6)
Bihar	1067	1196	322(31.3)	1026	1648	154(31.3)
Chhattisgarh		205	N.A.		149	2562
Delhi	NA	NA.	N.A.	N.A.	NA	N.A.
Gujarat	4792	4636	1311(31.3)	4548	4428	1504(31.3)
J. &K.	NA.	NA.	NA	NA.	NA	NA
Jharkhand	3929	2691	3137	2029	2633	3158

Name of the State	Instituted			Disposal		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Karnataka	7197	6699	4143(30.9)	6132	5825	3699(30.9)
Kerala -	22787	20719	7485+5004 transferred cases	17240	18810	4403+5004 transferred cases
M.P.	2504(30.9) & 31.12)	2399(30.6)	N.A.	5117	4864	10484
Maharashtra	15982	15253	15409	15553	15927	15553
Manipur	250(30.6)	N.A.	N.A.	186(30.6)	560	624
Nagaland	NA.	N.A.	NA.	NA	NA.	NA
Orissa	2276	2076	644(31.3)	1676	1818	2381
Pondicherry	518	503	NA.	554	691	655
Rajasthan	4287(30.6 &30.9)	NA	NA.	3539 (for quarter 30.9 and 31.12)	NA	N.A.
Sikkim	128	26(31.3)	N.A.	117	30(31.3)	N.A.
Tamil Nadu	8578	12064	8115(30.9)	9827	11628	6503(30.9)
Tripura	NA	630(30.6)	NA.	N.A.	446	626
Uttar Pradesh	24408	25962	20950(30.9)	20042	22610	19645(30.9)
Uttaranchal	2991	3830	3579	3497	3110	3002
West Bengal	511	N.A.	N.A.	418	N.A.	N.A.
TOTAL:	107486	104688	65660+5004	97554	100037	85625+5004

Note: The above statement of disposal includes pending cases carried forward from the previous year.
*Family Courts not set up

N.A. —Not Available

Delay in disposal of criminal cases

2482. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are well aware that "Delay defeats equity" as per the law of the nation;

(b) if so, whether in spite of being aware of this fact, the criminal cases are delayed for decades together and delay justice;

(c) if so, the steps having taken to amend the law for earliest finalization of criminal cases and to give justice to the innocent; and